

# **MARYLAND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**

## **ANNUAL REPORT – 2014**

*This report covers the activities of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2014*

The Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists functions under Health Occupations Article, Title 17, Annotated Code of Maryland. The State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) is the licensure and certification authority of professional counselors; marriage and family therapists, art therapists, and alcohol and drug counselors in the State of Maryland. The Board is mandated to regulate the practice of professional counseling and therapy in Maryland by licensing and certifying qualified counselors and therapists, promulgating regulations for the practice of professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, art therapy, and alcohol and drug counseling, verifying credentials, issuing licenses and certificates, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education hours, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of regulations and statutes, formal and informal disciplining of licensees and certificate holders, establishing committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and submit an annual report to the Governor and Secretary.

### **Mission**

The Mission of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote high quality health care in the field of professional counseling, alcohol and drug counseling, marriage and family therapy, and art therapy.

### **Meetings**

During the year, the Board held 10 formal meetings and committee meetings.

### **Board Members**

The Board consists of 13 members: four licensed clinical professional counselors, three licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors, three licensed clinical marriage and family therapists, one licensed clinical professional art therapist, and two consumer members.

<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Carol A. Deel, LCMFT, LCPC, Chair	June 30, 2017
Carlo Panlilio, LCMFT, Vice Chair	June 30, 2014
Susan Tangires, LCPC, LCADC, Secretary	June 30, 2017

Board Members

Term

Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT	June 30, 2016
Linda Allen-Benton, LCMFT	June 30, 2017
Candice Richardson Dickens, LCPC, LCADC	June 30, 2014
Lorraine G. Garcia, LCPC	June 30, 2017
Richard M. Hann, LCPC	June 30, 2014
Elizabeth Hlavek, LCPAT	June 30, 2016
Marcia L. Mityga, LCADC	June 30, 2017
Susan A. Tangires, LCADC, LCPC	June 30, 2017
Marilyn Blum, Consumer Member	June 30, 2017
Robert Ginsburg, Consumer Member	June 30, 2017

Committees

1. Credentials: Ms. Susan Tangires, Chairperson; Ms. Amanda Bechtel; Ms. Linda Allen-Benton; and Ms. Lorraine Garcia.
2. Ethics: Mr. Carlo Panlilio, Chairperson; Ms. Candice Richardson Dickens; Ms. Elizabeth Hlavek; and Ms. Marcia Mityga
3. Regulations/Legislation: Ms. Carol A. Deel, Chairperson; Mr. Richard Hann; and Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson

Staff

Tracey DeShields, Executive Director  
Ari S. Elbaum, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Anna Sullivan, Licensing Administrator  
Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator  
Sandra Boxley, Office Secretary  
Tawana Brown, Office Secretary  
Karen Wamsley, Board Investigator  
Sangeeta Sarkar, Programmer Data Analyst

## **Finances**

The Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is special funded. Revenues, which support the Board's operations, are generated through licensing and certification fees. No other State funds can be used to support the Board's operations.

The Board generated \$644,150 in revenues in 2014 and its expenditures totaled \$694,103.

## **Complaints**

The Board received 67 complaints in 2014. The number of investigations conducted during the year was 30. The Board issued 19 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at [www.dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc](http://www.dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc).

## **Legislation**

**SB448 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Cease and Desist Orders and Penalties for Misrepresentation and Practicing Without a License *Passed* (Chapter Number 0061)**

This bill authorizes the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue cease and desist orders or obtain injunctive relief for violations of specified provisions of law; altering a specified penalty; providing that a person who violates specified provisions of law is subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$50,000.

**SB694 – Health Occupations - Maryland Behavior Analysts Act – *Passed* (Chapter Number 328)**

This bill requires the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to regulate the practice of behavior analysis and establishes a Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee. By January 1, 2015, an individual must be licensed by the board to practice behavior analysis in the State. The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

## **Regulations**

10.58.08: Chapter 08 Marriage and Family Therapists - Requirements for Licensure

10.58.15: Chapter 15 Supervision Requirements for Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists

## NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

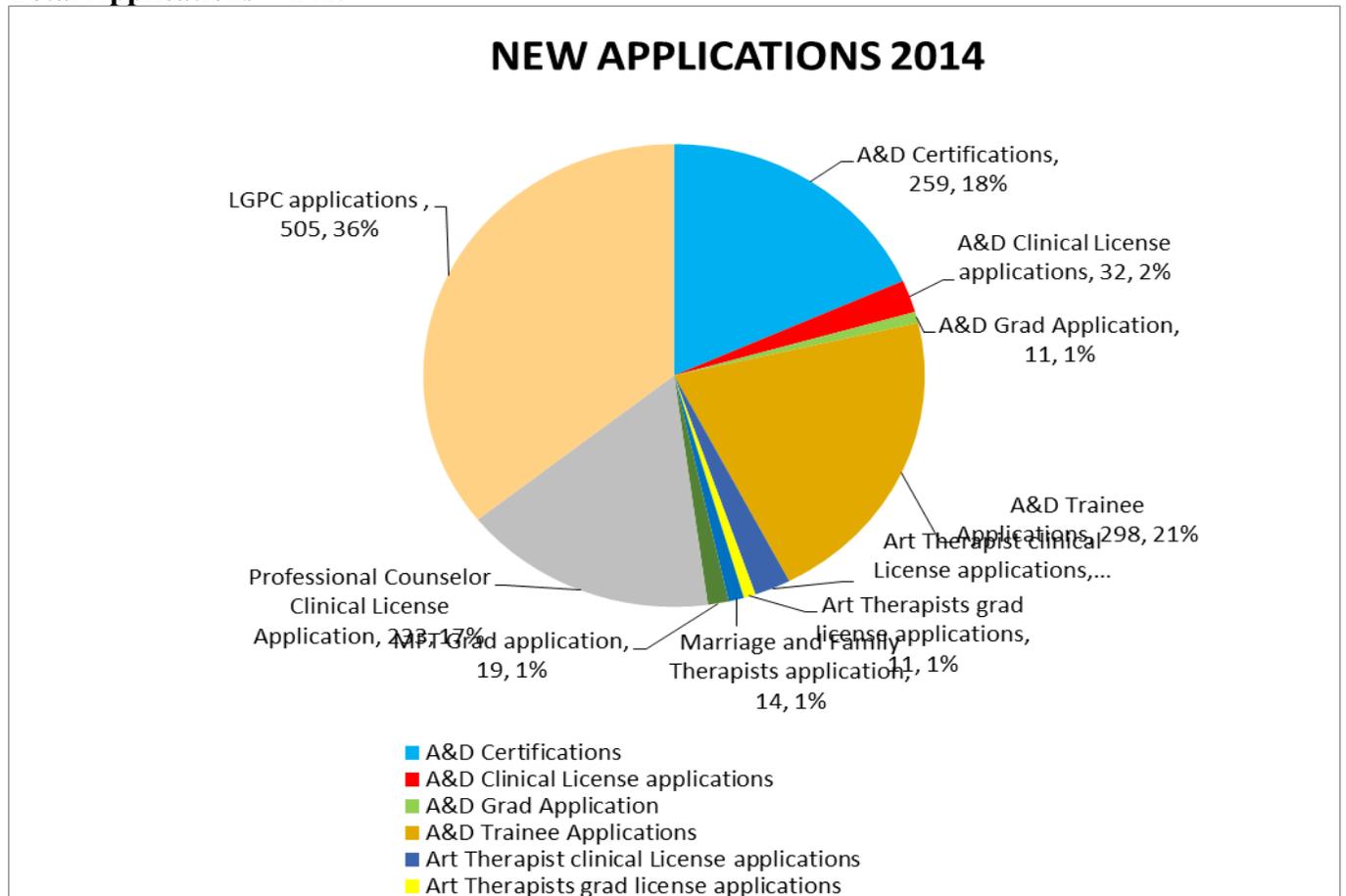
Alcohol and Drug Certifications	259
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	32
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	11
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	298
<b>Total A &amp; D Application</b>	<b>600</b>

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	14
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	19
<b>Total MFT Application</b>	<b>33</b>

Clinical Professional Counselor License	233
Graduate Professional Counselor License	505
<b>Total New Applications</b>	<b>738</b>

Licensed Clinical Art Therapists	33
Graduate Licensed Clinical Art Therapists	11
<b>Total New Applications</b>	<b>44</b>

**Total Applications = 1415**



**NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES**

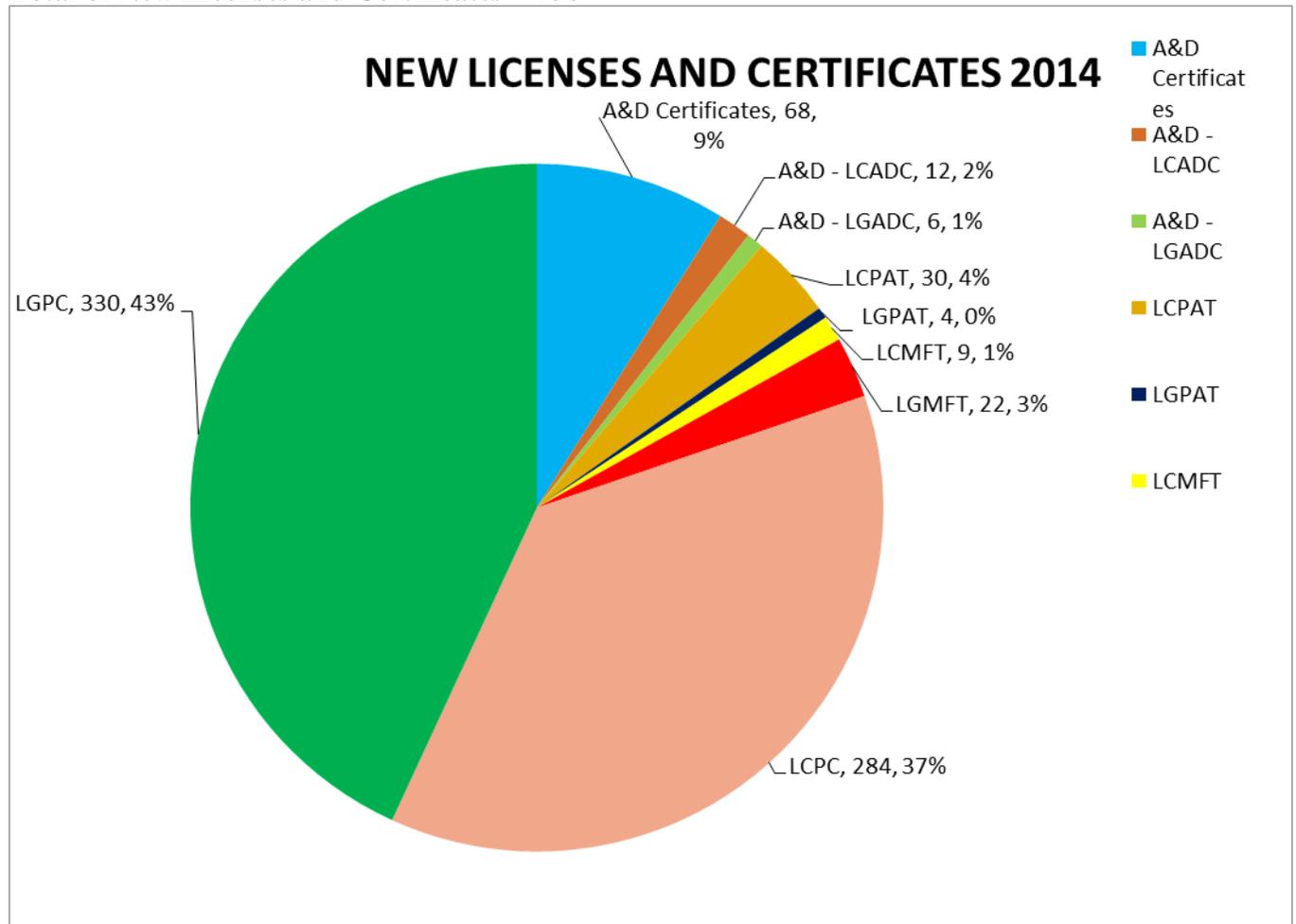
A&D Certificates	68
LCADC	12
LGADC	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>

LCMFT	9
LGMFT	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>

LCPC	284
LGPC	330
<b>Total</b>	<b>614</b>

LCPAT	4
LGPAT	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

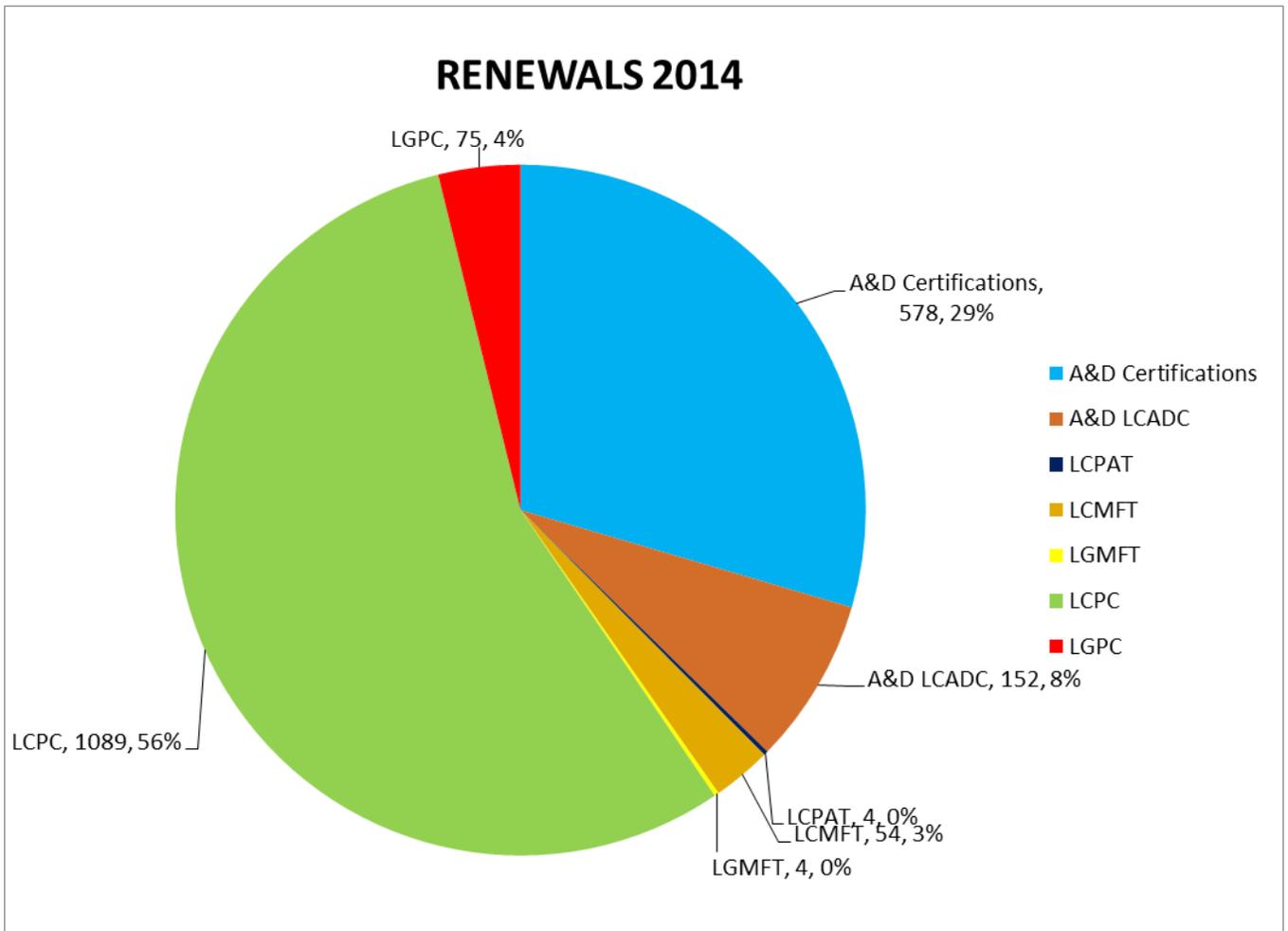
**Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 736**



## RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug	730
Art Therapist	4
Marriage and Family Therapists	58
Professional Counselor	1164
<b>Total Renewals</b>	<b>1956</b>

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## REINSTATEMENTS

Alcohol and Drug	63
Art Therapists	0
Marriage and Family Therapists	2
Professional Counselors	46
<b>Total Reinstatements</b>	<b>111</b>

